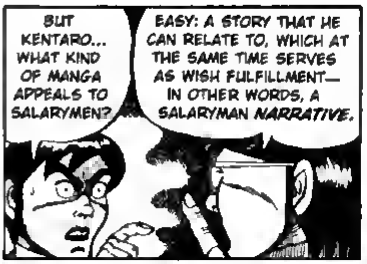
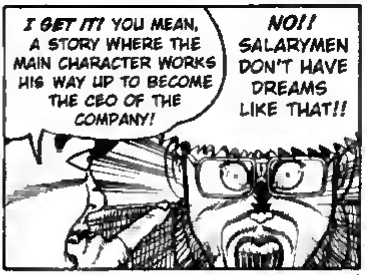
Lesson 14

HOW TO DRAW SALARYMAN MANGA





MANGA IN A NUTSHELL: A Thirty-Year History of the Salaryman

I'm (Not) Just a Cog in the Wheel of the Company!!

(With pin-up woman with hair the same height as male lead, male lead, pachinko, etc.)

● The '60s

I was only a kid back then so I don't really know, but I believe the '60s salaryman resembled the figure above. Every one of them jumped up and down all cheery and light-hearted working hard. It was apparently due to their efforts companies prospered and were able to expand. Apparently, it was believed that this kind of effort would pave one's way to the top of the company.

● The '70s

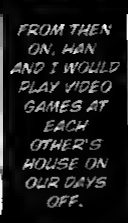
I was only a kid back then so I don't really know, but apparently something happened to the price of oil, and the economy fell into such a slump some salarymen screamed, "The company isn't my life" and quit by moving to the boonies in Shinsho growing organic food, or forming "new families."

● The '80s

I was only a kid back then so I don't really know, but apparently the economy was revived, yet the only ones who benefitted were the companies and realtors. Even if you believed "the company isn't my life," realistically speaking, you needed a job to make a living, so in order to get out of this double bind I heard salary men encountered situations like the one depicted below.

BEFORE I KNEW WHAT WAS HAPPENING, I WAS GETTING PULLED INTO FACTIONAL DISPUTES INSIDE THE COMPANY
SO THIS IS SALARY-MAN LIFE...
KEEP YOUR CHIN UP, KOSUKE SHIMAZAKI!
AFTER ALL...
...TOMOR-ROW IS THE RELEASE DATE OF DRAGON QUEST IV!!
I'M GOING TO BE WORKING PRETTY LATE TONIGHT, SO I'LL BE STAYING AT A CAPSULE HOTEL. I'LL BE HOME TOMORROW.
CHIRP CHIRP
OASIS
WHAT!?
LOOK AT THIS LINE...
I SHOULD'VE EXPECTED THIS...
THIS IS GOING TO TAKE AT LEAST FIVE HOURS...
HM?
VWEEN
VWEEN
DANG
I'D BEEN FEELING BAD ABOUT HOW CHILDISH IT WAS TO GET ALL WORKED UP OVER A VIDEO GAME RELEASE, BUT SEEING THIS OLDER MAN MADE ME FEEL BETTER.

ARE YOU PLAYING TETRIS?
HUH? YES. IT'S VERY DIFFICULT.
ACTUALLY, IT'S NOT SO HARD. HERE, I'LL SHOW YOU. YOU SHOULDN'T TRY TO GET RID OF THE TOP ROW FIRST. WATCH. SEE, YOU LEAVE THIS SPACE OPEN AND WHEN THE BAR COMES DOWN, SEE HOW THAT JUST GOT RID OF FOUR ROWS. YOU GET MORE POINTS THAT WAY TOO.
I SEE.
GOING FOR THE TOP ROW IS LIKE THE STUPID PRESIDENT OF THE COMPANY I WORK FOR, TRYING TO RECOUP HIS INVESTMENTS RIGHT AWAY. YOU HAVE TO BE MORE PATIENT.
VWEEN VWEEN
DING DING DING
HMMM.
HI, I'M KOSUKE SHIMAZAKI
HA HA. WELL I'M HANEDA YOU CAN CALL ME "HAN."
HAKATA'S DEPT STORE
THIS WAS HOW ME AND THIS OLDER MAN HAN GOT TO KNOW EACH OTHER. AS A RESULT, THE HOURS IN LINE JUST FLEW BY.
YOU IDIOT!!
I HEARD YOU HAD YOUR COMPANY BADGE ON...
...WHILE WAITING IN LINE TO BUY SOMETHING CALLED DRAGON QUEST!!
MURAISHI FROM FIRST SECTION SALES SAW YOU! HE'S BEEN TELLING EVERYONE!
YOU ARE AN EMBARRASSMENT TO THIRD SECTION SALES! NOW THE OIZUMI FACTION IS REALLY GOING TO CLOBBER US!
I'M SO SORRY!
RRRRR
YES, THIRD SECTION SALES...
CHAK
YESSIR!
YES, I WILL!
KOSUKE THE PRESIDENT WOULD LIKE TO SEE YOU NOW.
THE PRESIDENT...?
YOU BETTER BE PREPARED FOR THE WORST.
PRESIDENT
KNOK KNOK
IT'S KOSUKE SHIMAZAKI OF THIRD SECTION SALES!
COME IN.
CHAK
WHAT!?



Kosuke Shimazaki is trying to be a happy salaryman. But Kosuke who left was in fact with the president!? In our next issue "What!"

"Eternally Average Salaryman Super Stupid Diary"
Chapter One/The End

Salaryman Manga:

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■ Salaryman Manga.

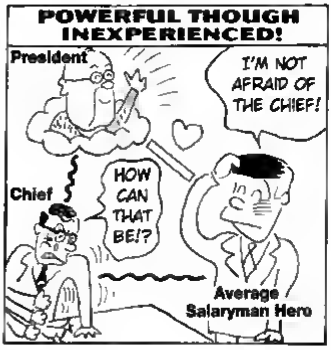
"Having the Same Effect as Making It Even Though You're Not"

By Eiki Egami (Member #9321601). Yokohama

The Old Man Turns Out to Be the President!!

▲ Now you're on top.

For those of you who want to draw popular salaryman manga, we have the solution!! You make the main character and the president become friends!! For instance, you have a scene in the bathroom where the main character helps an unknown janitor in need of help!! Then it turns out that the president was *disguised* as the janitor to observe his employees! Naturally, the president takes a liking for the main character, and now he's no longer afraid of his chief, factional in fighting, or young executives!! The salaryman's and the reader's wishes are fulfilled!!



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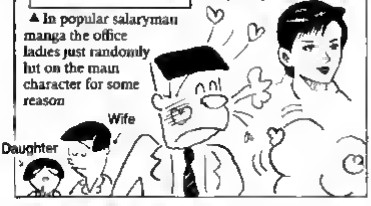
"The Office Romance"

By Eiki Egami (Member #9321601). Yokohama

For Some Reason the Office Ladies...

Even though he's just an average salaryman, he manages to have sex with a different office lady in each episode. What an appealing story for your readers!



▲ In popular salaryman manga the office ladies just randomly hit on the main character for some reason

● Note for this Week's Special Technique

A Positive Outlook Not Overwhelmed by Special Technique!!

This week we received two techniques from Mr. Egami in Yokohama. Mr. Egami is a young executive who's an avid manga reader, so he suggested these cheery, fresh special techniques that reflect his own desires. Even our editors here are impressed by his suggestions. Because the president to most salarymen is equal to a god, any story depicting immediate access to him, however fantastic, results in a hit manga. But because you are a real person, we hope that you keep these techniques to yourself and that you lead a secure and stable life.

▲ This is reality.

WE'RE ONE STEP CLOSER TOWARD ACHIEVING OUR DREAM!

TO BE CONTINUED!

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